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## HOW TESTA GOT NEXT

The Hawaiian Falstaff's Troubles.

### IS OUT OF POLITICS NOW

Owner of the Independent Found Himself Losing Flesh and Retired.

Testa, the Falstaff of Hawaiian politics, could a tale unfold of blighted hopes which would shame the plaint of the oldest girl on the shelf.

In the Independent, of which paper Testa is the presiding genius, the round haole-hater says that he has retired from politics bag and baggage. This is the sad farewell which the pioneer shirtwaist man prints in his own daily:

The outlook for Hawaii is sad indeed. Men who were depended on to uphold and promote the best interests of the Territory are turned down by irresponsible demagogues or throw down their nominations to the Legislature in justifiable disgust. Mr. F. J. Testa will no longer furnish "copy" for the Advertiser cartoonist, as he today sent the following letter to Democratic headquarters:

Honolulu, October 10, 1900. Col. C. J. McCarthy, Chairman Democratic Territorial Central Committee of Hawaii, Honolulu.

Sir: After mature consideration, I have decided to withdraw from politics for the present and to apply myself strictly to business.

Yours respectfully,  
F. J. TESTA.

Let us hope that the Hawaiians will open their eyes before it is too late and show that they are able and fit to exercise the great privileges granted to them in a wise manner.

It is all true. Testa is out of it. He left the muddy brook of Independent and Democratic politics about as readily as the small boy drops the luscious mango when the bullpup has him by the pants.

Testa had to go. The why of it all would take long to tell. In brief it is as follows:

Before Republican and Democratic politics was talked in Hawaii Testa was simply a haole-and-missionary hater. The Independent was so.

When with territorialization came the new parties Testa went on the fence. He wanted to think and he thought with one hand in his pocket. Surely the Republicans couldn't win and even if they could he would have no show as there were other papers in the field of that complexion. When the Democrats got together Testa said some nice things about them. They responded in kind and Testa one day came out strong for Bryan and McClanahan.

Then the Independents assembled. But they had no money and if they did they wouldn't waste it on the Independent. Their members' language was Hawaiian and an English paper was of small account.

So Testa blew hot and cold. The fat man began to lose flesh.

Prince David tossed his gauntlet into the lists and Testa got next.

Why, of course, the all must be upheld. Testa got a Democratic nomination.

He said things about Wilcox in the Independent that were awful. But he connived with the Independents and he hoped O! So anxiously for the Independent nomination for Senator or Representative or any old thing that paid cash.

He wouldn't say what he was. Not he. He was too foxy.

Ask Testa then if he was a Democrat or an Independent or a jobberwork. He would hitch up his trousers and smoke harder.

But he wouldn't tell. On both shoulders he was trying hard to carry water.

Time approached to let Secretary Cooper know that he was a nominee of the Democrats or drop out of the Bryan crowd.

Auwe! How he perspired those days! Everybody gave him different advice.

But last Saturday the fateful day came. He had to file his certificate or not. He fled.

After he did it some of the Independents told him he was all sorts of things and warned him he had no show with the Independents.

Meanwhile a Democratic weekly appeared seeking the chin of the Untried. What a hot day that was for Testa!

Wednesday came the convention. Testa was there. He confabulated with many. He had about as much show to get a nomination as a snowball to stay unmelted in Hilo.

Again Testa got next. He puffed back to his sanctum and there he drew up the ultimatum to the Democratic party.

For Testa is weary of the world. Now the curly-whiskered Falstaff prints the following:

While we can sympathize with the Hawaiians who have suffered during the reign of terror under a missionary administration, we cannot understand how the intelligent voter can be lured into the political pitfall of men of the stamp of Robert Wilcox, Robert Boyd, James Kaula, George Markham and Kalauokalani. Do they realize the fate which awaits the Hawaiian people if the Territory should turn loose in a Legislature men of the stamp represented by these leaders. Do the Hawaiians understand that a Senate composed, as far as Oahu is concerned, by Kalauokalani, J. Kaula, Geo. Markham, Kanuha, Epi Kane and Kanul, would mean the financial and political ruin of Hawaii? Their best friends, from the all to whom we still owe allegiance, to the poorest Hawaiian, must realize the fatal error committed by a few irresponsible demagogues who have not been above drawing "campaign funds," perhaps for their own use.

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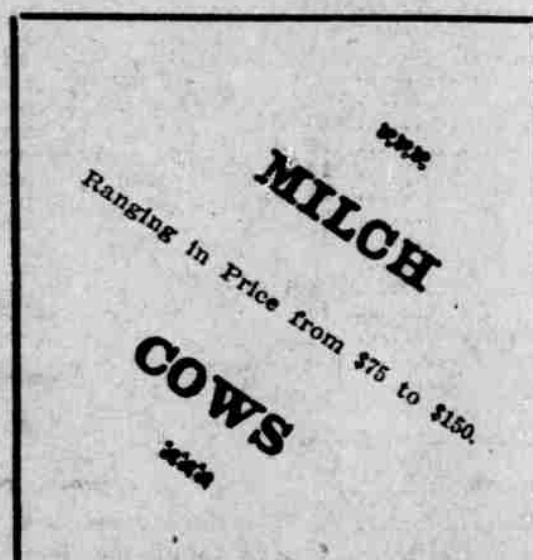
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